

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated 01/06/2009, claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-13, 19, 20 and 22-26 were indicated as pending and were subject to a restriction requirement. Applicant accordingly responds pursuant to 37 CFR §1.143.

In the above-mentioned Office Action, the Examiner identified 2 sets of claims. Group I consists of claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-13, and 22-26, drawn to an x-ray tube, classified in class 378, subclass 136, and Group II consists of claims 19-20, drawn to a CT method, classified in class 378, subclass 4.

Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's reasons for restriction, (by Examiner's own admission, Group I and Group II fall within the same class) Applicants elect to prosecute Group I *without traverse*. Accordingly, claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-13, and 22-26 are submitted for continued prosecution and claims 19-20 are withdrawn from consideration in the present Application.

Applicant respectfully requests further substantive examination of this application. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is kindly asked to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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